

# FMB Girds For Future Growth

RICHMOND, Va. — In its three-day spring meeting, April 11-13, the Foreign Mission Board provided for both vertical and horizontal advance in its overseas mission work. Among its actions are the following:

1. Invited 49 candidates for the Missionary Journeyman

Program to enter an eight-week summer training program. Upon successful completion of training they will be employed as missionary journeymen. (Journeymen are single college graduates under the age of 27 who go overseas for two years.)

2. Appointed 23 career missionaries. They and the new journeymen bring the Southern Baptist overseas mission staff to 2,146 (including 1,993 career missionaries and 153 persons in various categories of short-term employment)

3. Committed itself to a two-year pilot project of extended stateside orientation for newly appointed career missionaries. Beginning in September, 1967, this expanded program will provide for two 16-week periods annually to be held at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly. (Each missionary will take a full 16-week course.)

4. Elected Rev. W. David Lockard, missionary to Rhodesia, an associate secretary for personnel responsible for the direction of missionary orientation.

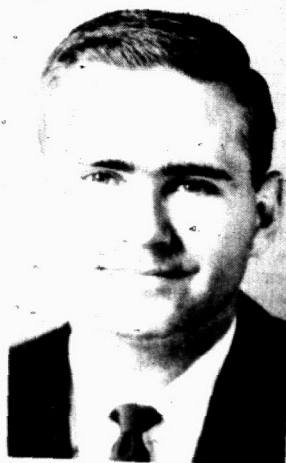
5. Elected Dr. Ralph L. West, missionary to Nigeria, regional personnel representative for the southeastern area of the United States. He is the second of six regional personnel representatives to be located in areas of heaviest concentration of mission volunteers, candidates, and prospects.

6. Voted to apply for permission to begin mission work in Bechuanaland (a British protectorate in southern Africa scheduled to become independent Botswana in September) and asked the personnel committee of the Board to seek candidates for appointment to the country.

7. Authorized the Board's secretary for Africa and a missionary couple now in East Africa to make a survey trip to Ethiopia with a view toward possible transfer of the missionaries to that country following their upcoming furlough.

8. Appropriated \$4,883,689.63

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Rev. Caby Byrne  
Student Affairs  
Director Named  
To West Point

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has appointed the first director of Baptist student affairs to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Acting in cooperation with the Sunday School Board and the Baptist Convention of Maryland, the SBC Chaplains Commission selected Caby E. Byrne, currently director of the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi State University in Starkville.

Officially, Byrne will begin work in July as director, military personnel and Baptist student ministries at the academy. He also will allot time to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy in Groton, Conn., and the U. S. Maritime Academy in King's Point, New York.

Byrne, a native of Mississippi, was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Harvey, La., from 1956-1958 before joining Mississippi College (Baptist) in Clinton, Miss., as director of religious activities. Later he was BSU director at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C.

Byrne is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Seminary, and is a chaplain in the U. S. Army Reserve.

## Baggett Named Alabama Editor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — Hudson Baggett, a professor of religion at Samford University (Baptist) here for the past eight years, has been named the new editor of the Alabama Baptist, weekly newspaper of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

The board of directors for the state Baptist paper unanimously elected Baggett to the post. He assumes the position effective June 1.

The 138,000-circulation tabloid paper has been without an editor since the death of Leon Macon in November of 1965. Baggett has been one of several guest editorial writers since then.

Before becoming professor of religion at Samford University (Continued On Page 2)

## Fields Elected Head PR Group

NASHVILLE (BP) — The public relations secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention, W. C. Fields of Nashville, was elected here as president of the Religious Public Relations Council.

The action came during the organization's 37th annual convention, meeting at the Southern Baptist Convention building here. Fields, as outgoing vice president, was general chairman for convention (Continued On Page 2)

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## GRAHAM SEES 'DEATH-OF-GOD' VIEW AS 'A FALSE RELIGION'

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham has charged that theologians who say God is dead are being used by the Devil to expound false doctrine.

Death-of-God theology is a false religion—it is another gospel, Mr. Graham wrote in the May issue of Decision magazine, published here by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

He warned that "no Christian, however spiritual, is beyond the seductive assaults of Satan. He invades the theological seminary and even the pulpit. Many times he even invades the church under the cover of an orthodox vocabulary, emptying sacred terms of their Biblical sense."

As a result of these teachings, the evangelist said, "Thousands of uninstructed Christians are being deceived. False teachers use high-sounding words that seem like the epitome of scholarship and culture. They are intellectually clever and crafty in their sophistry."

"But these false teachers will never be able to rob God of one cubit of his glory, majesty and power. God is not only alive—God is laughing at the silly arguments of these supposedly learned men."

## 'Separation' Principle Declared In Danger

NEW YORK (RNS)—The Jeffersonian principle of separation of church and state is in greater danger under the present administration in Washington than under a Roman Catholic President, a noted church-state separation leader declared here.

"President Kennedy really respected the Constitution and the Jefferson principle of a wall of separation between church and state," said Paul Blanshard, former special counsel for Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU).

But, he added, "President Johnson treats the whole problem with the opportunism

of a bargaining politician, and he is getting too much encouragement from both Protestant and Catholic sources."

Mr. Blanshard spoke at a dinner at which he received the Thomas Jefferson Award for Religious Liberty from the Unitarian Universalist District of Metropolitan New York. Last year's winner of the award was Father John Courtney Murray, leading Catholic theologian who drafted much of the statement on religious liberty for Vatican II.

"Under the Johnson educational and welfare laws, a tax-supported teacher can be sent to teach in a sectarian school which is an integral part of a single church," Mr. Blanshard declared. "It is dishonest to call such teaching welfare, and such a policy should not be excused in the name of ecumenism. Cooperation between faiths does not necessarily mean pie-cutting at taxpayers' expense."

He praised the spirit of ecumenical cooperation manifested in the Catholic Church by the Vatican Council but warned against "the use of ecumenical euphoria to sanctify church raids on the public treasury."

He maintained that the Council "supported an outdated concept of the partial union of church and state which does not fit in with the American tradition. We see the unfortunate signs of a false ecumenism in the battles over school policy."

Mr. Blanshard, who was in Rome during the Council, called the declaration on religious freedom "the greatest single accomplishment of Vatican II, but its effect was almost cancelled out by Pope Paul's failure to grant personal freedom and fair play to non-Catholics in mixed marriage."

## Officers Are Named For State Men's Conference



Roy Kuykendall



Talmadge Rayborn



D. W. Ainsworth

The officers for the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference, authorized by the State Convention last November, have been named by the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Roy Kuykendall, of Newton, was selected as president; Talmadge Rayborn of Starkville was named as vice-president and D. W. Ainsworth of Jackson will be secretary.

The formation of the Conference was authorized by the Convention upon recommendation of the body's Long Range Study Committee and will be related to the Convention through the State Brotherhood Department.

Rev. Elmer Howell, Brotherhood secretary, said that the first meeting of the Conference would be held Nov. 14, the day before the State Convention and would take the place of the State Brotherhood Rally which has previously been held each year on that date.

The purpose of the Conference, as adopted by the Convention, is as follows:

"To provide men of the churches an opportunity to come together for fellowship, enable men to share experiences in mission actions, inspire men to become involved in the mission tasks of their church, unify total missionary education and missions promotion work of the churches as related to men, promote plans to achieve common mission objectives, give insight to denominational program of work and recognize and develop leadership abilities of men."

The Conference is a part of the work of the Brotherhood Department and is not a policy-making organization, according to the principles and guidelines adopted by the Convention.

The Conference program should include an adopted theme, music, with possible appeal, devotional and prayer periods, brief presentation of subjects, sharing of experiences in mission projects, projection of mission activities

possible through the churches and consideration of mission projects, according to the guidelines.

Each officer shall serve a term of one year and may be reelected for one additional year. No officer shall be reelected after serving two years until one year shall have elapsed.

## Southern Honors State Man

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary meeting here voted to establish a permanent endowment fund for student aid, elected two new professors, named an administrative officer, promoted several faculty members, and elected officers.

The endowment fund of \$540,000 will be named for L. F. Garrett, a late Mississippi Baptist layman and long-time contributor to the seminary student aid fund. Up to 40 graduate students in theology and religious education will receive the aid.

Badgett Dillard, director of public relations and administrative services, was elevated by the board to become director of administration and business manager, effective Aug. 1. He will supervise all non-academic departments of the seminary.

The two new professors are Graham team member, who becomes professor of church music, effective Aug. 1; and Lucien E. Coleman, Jr., who will receive his doctor of religious education degree from the seminary in June, as assistant professor of religious education.

E. Glenn Hinson was promoted to associate professor of church history, and tenure was granted to social work professor Walter Delamarter and to assistant professor of church music Jay W. Wilkey.

Delamarter, director of social work since 1964, was designated as the first to occupy the newly created "Woman's Missionary Union Chair of Social Work." Endowment for the chair was designated by the Carver School of Missions and Social Work when the school was merged with the seminary in 1963.

Trustees also approved sabbatical study leaves for seven faculty members.

Re-elected as chairman of the board was J. R. White, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., and as secretary, Frank Ellis, Jr., president of the Louisville Grocery Co.

## Grady Cothen Is New President Of OBU

SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP) — Grady C. Cothen executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, was elected president of Oklahoma Baptist University here by the school's board of trustees.

He is expected to resign his California post and to assume the presidential duties on July 1.

Cothen will succeed James Ralph Scales, who resigned last summer to become dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Evans T. Moseley, vice president of the school, has served as acting president since Sept. 1, 1965. He will continue to serve in this capacity until July 1.

Warren Hultgren, chairman of the Oklahoma Baptist University board of trustees and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., said that Cothen "has the administrative experience, vision, physical energy, and commitment to higher education basic to our needs at OBU."

Cothen was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., before becoming executive secretary of the California convention in 1961.

Previously, he was pastor for 11 years of the Olivet Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., and earlier was pastor of White Oak Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. He was a Navy Chaplain during World War II.

## SBC Sessions In Miami, New Orleans, Switched

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee has voted by mail ballot to switch the meeting sites of the 1967 and 1968 conventions because a new auditorium facility in New Orleans will not be ready in time.

The 1967 convention will meet in Miami Beach, and the 1968 convention will be held in New Orleans, by action of the Executive Committee.

Dates for the conventions

adopted by the Executive Committee will be May 30-June 2, 1967 in Miami Beach; and June 11-14, 1968, in New Orleans.

New Orleans had withdrawn its invitation to host the 1967 convention because they feared their new auditorium will not be finished.

Rather than seek a new site completely, SBC leaders suggested simply changing the dates and keeping the already approved locations.

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ON APRIL 14 at 2:00 p.m. ground was broken for a Baptist Student Center for Mississippi Delta Junior College, Moorhead. The Noonday devotional period was held on the lot earlier in the day. Construction work has already been started and is scheduled to be completed before school opens in the fall. W. B. Pearson Columbus, is the architect. Shown 1. to r. are Rev. Granville H. Watson, pastor of Moorhead Baptist Church and chairman of the steering committee for the MDJC BSU; Rev. Ralph B. Winders, State Director of Baptist Student Work; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Eloise Courtney, Greenwood, president of the MDJC Baptist Student Union; Miss Eloise Courtney, Greenwood, president of the MDJC Baptist Student Union; Max Hodges, Indianapolis, chairman of the Student Center Building Committee; and Charles Lott, director of Baptist Student Work at the college.







# Training Center To Be Started By BSSB

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has announced plans to begin operation in October of a Church Program Training Center to provide advance, depth study for organization workers in Baptist churches.

The board will remodel the fourth floor of its Frost Building on Eighth Avenue North to provide facilities for the new program.

Already, 37 seminars and workshops have been planned for 1966-67 to begin the program, according to W. L. Howse, director of the board's education division, and James H. Daniel, coordinator for the new Church Program Training Center.

The board may conduct as many as 70 such seminars and workshops during 1967-68, but plans are still indefinite, said Daniel.

As many as 1,200 persons are expected to study under the program during its first year, predicted Daniel.

He said the board's education division would seek to offer "first rate training—the best possible—for the innovators in Baptist churches who want to be on the cutting edge of church education."

He said that the training center was not an attempt to compete with Baptist seminaries in any way, but to supplement their teaching effort

by providing short-term "tutorial-type study for those with special interests."

Faculty and lectures for the training program will come mostly from the Baptist Sunday School Board staff, but outside help will be brought in from time to time, said Daniel.

Three types of study will be offered — seminars, workshops, and guided study on an individual basis.

**Five Days Of Lectures**  
The seminars would provide about five days of lectures and orientation for as many as 40 persons.

Workshops would be similar, with more advance study on seeking to solve specific problems related to church vocations or phases of work.

Guided study will be done on an individual basis by persons interested in investigating areas where the demand is not enough to warrant a workshop or seminar. Guided study could last over an extended period of time.

Purpose of all the training, said Daniel, is to help leaders (1) understand and seek to maintain the true nature and purpose of the church, (2) develop understanding of concepts and advanced skills in order to be more productive, (3) increase leadership skills, and (4) increase the personal satisfaction of the leaders.

## "One Nation Under God" Theme Of Carey's May Day

Annual May Day activities at William Carey College have been set for Saturday, May 7, according to Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president.

As usual, all high school students and junior college sophomores have been invited to attend the gala occasion which begins with registration at 9 AM in Tatum Court.

An added feature this year is the inviting of the parents of currently enrolled students to the May Day activities.

Miss Barbara Brown, of Mobile, has been voted Queen of May by her fellow students and will reign over the annual May Day Pageant at 3 PM on the pine-studded front campus.

Other special aspects of the May Day program will include: campus tours, a musical by the Fine Arts Department, open house in the Home Economics building, dormitory receptions, BSU devotional hour, faculty conferences, musical auditions, scholarship interviews, and a double-header baseball game between Carey and Millsaps.

The theme for this year's May Pageant will be "One Nation Under God". It will be a historical and patriotic presentation which was written especially for the occasion by sophomore student, Dianne Crews. Assistant professor of drama and speech, Miss Doris Schneider, will assist in the production.



**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHAPLAIN RAC C. TINDALL** has been selected for the rank of rear admiral in the United States Naval Reserves. He will be the only Flag Officer in the Inactive Naval Reserve Chaplain Corps. Chaplain Tindall entered the naval reserve chaplaincy in 1942 and was on active duty assignment in World War II and the Korean conflict. Currently, he is pastor of the East Hill Baptist Church in Tallahassee, Fla. —(BP Photo)

## Hinds Men To Assist In Survey In Jefferson

Twenty-five Baptist Brotherhood members from Hinds County churches will assist in a religious survey of Jefferson County April 30, according to D. W. Ainsworth, Jackson, president of the Hinds County Brotherhood organization.

The men will go down Friday night, April 29 for a supper meeting and planning session for the following day.

On Sunday, May 1 the men will fill the pulpits of many of the churches in Jefferson County as well as several in Claiborne County.

Those to go are: L. J. Beasley, Terry; Joe Bennett and M. F. Herring of Raymond and the following from Jackson:

Newman Reese, Billy R. Holliday, Troy Mohon, Rev. G. C. Cox, Grady Marier, E. G. Stamper, V. O. James, E. L. "Bill" King, W. B. Halliday, Willis F. Ellis, Everett McLellan, Louis Jones, Don K. Cameron, Wendell Rogers, Bob W. Gilchrist, Kenney Gray, Wm. W. Taylor, G. F. Stiedle, Everett Crafcraft, Earl Hanbury, D. W. Ainsworth, James Thrash, Earl Nichols.

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## QUITO SCHOOL EXTENDS MINISTRY TO TOUCH THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Through two recent projects — a training course for teachers and a gift of school supplies — the Baptist primary school in Quito, Ecuador, has extended its ministry to touch the Galapagos Islands, 600 miles west of the mainland in the Pacific Ocean, Ecuador's coastal regions, and the jungles of the eastern part of the country.

By arrangement with the national Ministry of Education, Mrs. Fabiola de Gonzalez, first grade teacher in the Baptist school, taught arts and crafts to more than 180 primary teachers from the Galapagos and Ecuador's coastal provinces who were taking a professional advancement course during vacation.

She conducted the classes at the Baptist school, located in the same building as Central Baptist Church. Most of the teachers who attended are Roman Catholics—some are even missionaries of Catholic lay orders—and others have leftist leanings. But their reaction to the Baptist setting was, for the most part, favorable, according to Southern Baptist Missionary Stanley D. Stamps, codirector of the school.

Mr. Stamps and Mrs. Piedra de Rubio, the school's national director, visited with the teachers from time to time, and the school staff provided for daily coffee breaks.

In a special session one evening, two religious films were shown. More than 150 of the visiting teachers attended the program, and they even requested that hymns be sung. In spite of their unfamiliarity with the songs, they joined in enthusiastically as the school's music teacher led them, reports Mr. Stamps.

At a reception following the films, the president of the summer course for teachers presented the school director a hand-painted certificate of appreciation. "Now we know who you evangelicals really are, and the pure motives you have in serving our country,"



MRS. FABIOLA de GONZALEZ (center, in dark sweater and checked dress), first grade teacher in the Baptist primary school, Quito, Ecuador, demonstrates simple handicrafts to other primary teachers.

he said. "We have learned much from you, and we go injected with your faith."

The Baptist school recently participated in an Ecuadorian holiday commemorating the discovery of the sources of the Amazon River. Each year on this day the Ministry of Education solicits books and other supplies for struggling schools in the eastern jungle areas of the country. The Baptist school donated a number of books published by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex., as well as tablets, pencils, and other materials.

Representatives of the Ministry of Education received the gifts at a special program held at the school, when a missionary of the Wycliffe Bible Translators showed slides of the jungle.

## "LOOK TO THE FOUNDATION" IS BH THEME FOR MAY

"Look to the Foundation" is the theme for the BAPTIST HOUR sermons to be broadcast during May. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is the BAPTIST HOUR preacher.

"May His Tribe Increase" will be the topic for Sunday, May 1. The text will be taken from Joshua 24:14. Music for the program will include "Whiter Than Snow," "Faith of our Fathers," "All on the Altar" and "God Give us Christian Homes."

The Mother's Day sermon will be "What is a Mother to Do?" The scripture will be Proverbs 3: 5-6. The BAPTIST HOUR Choir will sing "Jesus is All the World to Me," "I Will Pilot Thee," "God Give us Christian Homes." The choir will conclude the program with the hymn "The Nail Scarred Hand."

The May 15 sermon will be, "The Lost Art." Ephesians 6:1 will be the scripture reading.

The sermon topic for the May 22 broadcast of the BAPTIST HOUR will be "It Takes a Heap Of Livin'." The scripture reading will be Proverbs 15:16-17.

"Don't Wait Until It's Too Late" will be the topic for the sermon May 29. Matthew 7:24 will be the text.



Rev. Russell Cottingham

## Tucker's Crossing Calls New Pastor

Rev. Russell B. Cottingham, has accepted the pastorate of the Tucker's Crossing Church, Jones County.

A graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., he attended Southern Seminary. He and his wife, Rebecca, have two children, Ronald 14, and Rosalind, 6.

He was formerly pastor of the Southside Church, Norfolk, Va.



Rev. I. C. Griffin

## New Haven, Hinds, Calls New Pastor

Rev. Ira Curtis Griffin has been called as pastor of the New Haven Church, in Hinds County. Since 1956 he has served the Laurel Hill Church, Philadelphia.

A graduate of Clarke College, he began his work at New Haven April 17. He with Mrs. Griffin, resides at 5473 Queen Mary Lane, Jackson.

## Braves Appeal Baptist Victory In Barring Liquor Sales In Stadium

ATLANTA, Ga. (RNS) — Attorneys for the Atlanta Stadium Club — a subsidiary of the Atlanta Braves, minor league baseball team formerly based in Milwaukee, but now playing in the Atlanta Stadium, asked Fulton Superior Court here to vacate a recent court order banning sale of liquor in a private stadium club.

The controversy over proposed sale of liquor there has been a hot one here, and church groups across Georgia have been in the forefront of efforts to keep liquor out of the stadium.

The motion to vacate alleges that Judge Durwood T. Pye "lacked authority and jurisdiction" to hear and rule on the case. Chief Judge Virlyn B. Moore set a hearing on the motion for May 7. Judge Pye ruled March 16

that the sale of liquor in a private club at the stadium was contrary to Georgia law. He then issued a temporary injunction preventing the issuance of a liquor license to the club.

The suit against the Stadium Club and Fulton County Recreation Authority was by Jack U. Harwell, associate editor of the Baptist Index, a Southern Baptist publication.

Judge Pye's order also held that the stadium is a public building and no part of it can be used for private purposes and that liquor can not be sold.

The petition claims that Judge Pye assumed jurisdiction without proper authority and in doing so did not act in "accordance with the rules of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit as ordered, announced and published by the chief judge of said court."

## PRAYER DEBATE IS USED AS FILIBUSTER GIMMICK

WASHINGTON (BP) — A United States senator read prayers and recited some from memory, recalled words of old hymns, and told jokes about country preachers to carry on the filibuster to block a Senate vote on the union shop proposal.

Opponents of the move to repeal section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act, on the third day of efforts to bring the issue to a vote, plunged the Senate into debate over putting the full text of an opening prayer in the journal of the Senate. Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act lets states ban the union shop.

Sen. Sam. J. Ervin (D., N. C.), at the opening of the session, introduced an amendment to include the text of the prayer in the journal. The

morning hour (actually two hours) is set aside at the beginning of each day's session to permit introduction of bills, routine business and speeches.

The prayer issue was viewed by Washington observers as a delaying tactic designed to keep administration leaders from demanding a vote on the labor bill.

Had not the opposition taken the morning hour, supporters of the repeal of 14(b) could have brought the measure to the floor for consideration.

Sen. Ervin, his desk littered with Bibles, and books of prayers, poetry and theology, talked at length about prayer. A Presbyterian elder, he recited hymns, and told jokes about country preachers.

## For Information With Inspiration



Rev. Clarence Cutrell Grenada

## ATTEND AN AREA STEWARDSHIP CLINIC

May 12 — Calvary — Tupelo

May 13 — Immanuel — Cleveland

May 16 — First — Gulfport

May 17 — First — Hattiesburg

May 19 — Ridgecrest — Jackson

May 20 — Highland — Meridian

## PROGRAM

P.M.	5:00	The Church Program That Needs To Be Financed . . . . . Quarles
1:00	Hymn, Scripture, Prayer	
1:15	Announcements . . . . . Alexander	5:30
	Special Music . . . . . Host Church	Supper (\$1.00 plate for 50c) (Make reservation with host church)
1:30	Inspirational Message . . . . . (Grant-Tolbert)	7:00
2:15	Hymn	Hymn, Prayer
	Testimonies	"If the Shoe Fits"
2:45	What's New for 1966 . . . Alexander	7:15
3:00	Suggestions for Successful Leadership . . . . . Quarles	Making the Cooperative Program Come Alive for Church Members . . . . . (Grindstaff-Stagg)
3:30	Break	7:45
3:45	Meet Mr. Stu . . . . . Alexander	We Believe in the Cooperative Program . . (Traylor-Perkins-Barnes-Ramsay-McCall-Greer)
4:00	We Used a Stewardship Development Program for Baptist Associations . . . . . Cutrell	8:15
4:30	Stewardship Must Be Taught . . . . . (Grindstaff-Stagg)	Special Music . . . . . Host Church
		Inspirational Message . . . . . (Grant-Tolbert)

Please make reservations for evening meal at least 3 days before clinic date . . . Thanks





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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

### Go To Detroit

Southern Baptist pastors and laymen from all over the nation should go to the Detroit convention, to be held May 19-22.

The annual convention is the most important meeting of the year for Southern Baptists. At the sessions the boards, commissions, committees and agencies, report on their work, and plans are adopted for the coming year. Divisive issues are debated and decided. Inspirational messages are brought in every session. While the convention must, of necessity, commit much of its work to its Executive Committee, the actual final decisions on all major issues are made by the messengers in the annual sessions. Several important matters will be discussed in this 1966 session.

Moreover, this convention is being held in one of the pioneer areas where Southern Baptist work is comparatively new. Those attending this meeting will have opportunity to view for themselves the tremendous witness for Christ which is being given by these new churches and young conventions.

Churches should send their pastors (and their wives) to this convention, and should encourage some of their laymen and women to attend. There are many fine laymen in Mississippi who could arrange to attend this year if the chose to do so. We would encourage them to plan, even now, to make the trip. It will be an experience of a life time to see, and participate in, the actual workings of a great convention meeting.

We sincerely hope that Mississippi will be well represented in this coming convention session.

### Stay For The Closing Session

One of the problems with any convention is getting the delegates or messengers to stay through the closing sessions. This has been especially true of the Southern Baptist Convention, since the meetings are held between Sundays. Many pastors try to attend without missing a Sunday from their pulpits, or if they have to be absent one Sunday, they usually make it the Sunday prior to the convention so that they may attend the Pastor's Conference or the WMU Convention which are held on Monday and Tuesday before the actual SBC sessions begin. The result is that the closing sessions of the SBC usually suffer because of

people leaving, hurrying to be back home on Sunday. President Wayne Dehoney has issued an appeal for messengers to make every effort to remain for the Friday night session this year, since that is the time which has been set for launching plans for the Crusade of the Americas.

The Crusade of the Americas is an evangelistic campaign to be held by the Baptists of North and South America in 1969. It is perhaps the greatest evangelistic effort ever undertaken by any group in Christian history. It will reach every country in the Western hemisphere.

The challenge for this great crusade came from the Baptists of Brazil, and almost every Baptist group in both North and South America has responded. The official launching of Southern Baptist participation will be made in this closing session of the Detroit convention. Speakers will include two of the vice-presidents of the Baptist World Alliance, and responses will be given by representatives of every nation of the two continents. A parade of flags will precede a great period of dedication. Dr. Dehoney says that this "promises to be one of the greatest, most glorious sessions ever held at a Southern Baptist Convention."

Pastors who plan to be out one Sunday, would do well this year, to try to make that the Sunday after the convention, in order to be able to remain for this session.

Dr. Dehoney says, "I can think of nothing that would warm a man's heart any more or challenge him and prepare him to preach on Sunday any better than to be in that commitment service on Friday night."

Maybe your convention report will have to wait a Sunday, or you may have to drive late on Friday night and Saturday night, but do try to stay for this great closing session of the coming convention.

#### GUEST EDITORIAL

### Vatican Marriage Laws Much Ado About Nothing

John Hurt in Christian Index, (Ga.)

Much ado about nothing. This in brief is our summary of the Vatican's modifying its laws concerning marriage of Roman Catholics to non-Catholics.

Those wanting to shout the Vatican's praise about easing tensions with those outside the Roman Catholic orbit are too anxious to shout. They would expect a crumb to provide a banquet; one drop of rain to end a drought.

Take a glance at what the Vatican did: No more automatic excommunication for a Catholic entering into marriage with a non-Catholic before a non-Catholic clergyman. The penalty is retroactive.

The non-Catholic can now promise orally, instead of in writing, to respect the Catholic's faith and allow

the children to have a Catholic upbringing.

Permit mass and blessing of a mixed marriage and a non-Catholic clergyman to say appropriate words and give spiritual counsel after the service.

So much for the second-class status accorded those outside the Roman Catholic faith. It is comparable to President Johnson inviting visitors to the White House but keeping them outside the Pennsylvania Avenue gates.

Press reports say the Vatican left "the door open for further easing of existing regulations." So what? The sinner doesn't win heaven's reward by confessing his smallest sin nor do we get an invitation to the Vatican except on its very limited terms. In effect, we can look at St. Peter's dome and then only at a distance.

The Vatican still doesn't recognize a marriage outside its churches. It still insists on its own religious monopoly. It alone has the truth, it says, and none must tamper with those on its rolls.

Why the fear of proselytism? It is rather difficult to understand in our day when there is so much emphasis on freedom and dialogue.

Statistics indicate the Vatican revisions of its law were selfish with no ecumenical motivation. In the 27 archdioceses of the United States 24.9 per cent of marriages performed in Catholic churches were mixed marriages. Statistics obviously would be interesting on the number of Catholics marrying outside their church.

And, in Atlanta in 1964 there were 140 all-Catholic marriages and 230 mixed marriages performed in Catholic churches. The figure for the Savannah diocese was 111 all-Catholic and 231 mixed.

The Vatican still finds it necessary to build a wall around the Catholic spouse and any offspring. We don't like walls, whether in Berlin or Rome.

## The Baptist Forum

### Name Change?

Dear Editor:

I have read with considerable interest the substance of Mr. Charles Chaney's article in the Home Missions magazine editorial supporting a change in name of The Southern Baptist Convention. I concede that there is an element of reason in the idea of changing the name from one with a regional connotation to one more descriptive of an organization having a nation-wide reach. But I am amazed that the reasons given by Mr. Chaney for making such a change should merit serious consideration. The very fact that the Southern Baptist Convention has demonstrated its powerful appeal to people of every State in the Union is ample evidence that the name connotes something a great deal more than regional or geographical in nature.

Mr. Chaney's picture of Southern Baptists as viewed by citizens in other parts of our nation is certainly appalling, to say the least. But I rather doubt that these Americans outside the South are really steeped in such abysmal ignorance as he would have us believe. Can it be that Mr. Chaney is allowing his own personal prejudices to show just a bit? It would seem to me to make more sense to try piercing the curtain of ignorance and prejudice in other parts of our country than resort to a form of camouflage to conceal the supposed nature of true Southern Baptists. We might change our name to something which sounds as broad-minded and all-inclusive as The National Council of Churches; but what if it turned out to be something as ineffectual as that theological sterile organization? If the term Southern Baptist means nothing good, how is it that other Baptist conventions have not expanded more rapidly than the Southerners?

I read an article in the April 18 issue of U.S. News & World Report entitled "Are the Churches in Trouble?" The answer is that they are. And while so many churches are drying up, or chasing after sociological will-o'-the-wisps, or seeking mergers with other religious groups, or questioning the very foundations of their faith and practice, Southern Baptists cling stubbornly to fundamental beliefs, to the Bible as the Holy Word of God, to Jesus as Lord and Saviour, to convictions about sin and salvation and the essential worth of the individual soul. Unless people nationwide have recognized this as being characteristic of the people called Southern Baptists, how can you explain the growth of the Southern Baptist Convention while other denominations falter? How explain the vigor and virility of Southern Baptists unless many others continue to

recognize the existence there of a religious spirit quite beyond any geographic label?

Surely Southern Baptists are human and far from perfect, and surely the Southern Baptist Convention has plenty of room for improvement. But the very occasion for this controversy about names results from the magnitude of Southern Baptist success! The early followers of Christ were first called Christians as a term of derision, just as the South has been sneeringly referred to as the "Bible Belt." But I have no apology to make to anybody anywhere for being a Southern Baptist Christian, and I can see no excuse for changing our name to keep somebody from being offended at an invitation to embrace a faith exported from the benighted Bible Belt!

Charles H. Dean, Jr.  
P. O. Box 4685,  
Jackson, Miss.

### Private Schools

Dear Sir:

I wish to challenge you to use some of your editorializing to promote the founding of private schools throughout the state of Mississippi, supported by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. I feel that this move should have been started at least three years ago. Countless numbers of fellow Baptists I have talked with feel the same way.

The Presbyterians of Jackson have been going about this task for about two years or more in a quiet but very effective manner. We Baptists probably outnumber the Presbyterians 10 to 1 and stand to benefit in a like proportion from such an undertaking.

Let it not be said that the Presbyterians did something the Baptists did not have the courage or the intelligence to strive to do. There should be no doubt in any one's mind as to where we stand now and time is fast running out. Let's not sell out our precious children for a "mess of pottage." If we do we don't deserve them.

Respectfully,  
A South Mississippi Baptist.  
(Name signed but withheld by request.)

### RECORD AD GETS RESULTS IN MONTANA

Dear Dr. Odle:

Thank you very much for helping us advertise for a kindergarten worker as Owen Cooper suggested. It is getting results! Two apparently qualified persons have written us. Thank you very much.

James Kirtley  
420 Cherry  
Anaconda, Montana  
P.S. Our church is now Mt. Haggin Baptist, formerly First Southern Baptist.

While we can never fully understand the power of prayer, it is extremely vital that we pray. In no other way can we discover the power of prayer in our own lives, and the good it can do for others. —Charles W. Crawford, in "The Baptist Student."



Con men are increasingly victimizing the elderly segment of the population. Their schemes include worthless stocks and bonds, oil and gas leases, misleading ads, phony work-at-home employment, and the sale of extremely bad land at high cost.

According to the US Public Health Service, there has been a nationwide increase of more than 200% in infectious syphilis among teen-agers since 1957. According to a Saturday Review article (March 19, 1966 issue) a VD epidemic is now raging throughout the country: over 22,000 cases of infectious syphilis and over 290,000 cases of gonorrhea reported annually. According to the American Medical Association, this represents the nation's most critical communicable disease problem.

Identical alcohol bills were introduced in both Houses of the U. S. Congress in an effort to make a major breakthrough for the entire field of alcoholism. On March 15 Senator Frank Moss of Utah introduced S.3089 and on March 16 Congressman G. Elliott Hagan of Georgia introduced HR 13724 in their respective Houses of Congress. The bills call for the establishment of the Alcoholism Control Administration within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, establishment of the National Institute of Alcoholism within the US Public Health Service, and creation of a National Advisory Committee on Alcoholism. Through these structures a multi-million dollar program of alcohol education, prevention, and treatment would be projected. The bills envision the utilization of the nation's total resources in attempting to solve the problems created by beverage alcohol.

A total of seven bills to establish lotteries in Massachusetts were killed in the House of Representatives of that state. The bills included a sweepstakes measure patterned after the New Hampshire sweepstakes. All of the bills were defeated so decisively that there appears to be no likelihood that Massachusetts will have a legalized lottery of any kind in 1966.

### Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

May 2—Joyce Wilkinson, faculty, Gilroy School of Nursing; Bessie Herrington, staff, Children's Village.

May 3—Mrs. Myrah Riley, faculty, Carey College; Mrs. L. G. Kee, Clarke College faculty.

May 4—Roland Smith, Wayne associational Brotherhood president; Caby E. Byrne, Jr., Baptist student director, Miss. State University.

May 5—Mrs. Margaret Cox, faculty, Mississippi College; John B. Laney, supt. of missions, Jackson County.

May 6—Mrs. Lois Hughes, Baptist Building; Virginia Johnson, Baptist Building.

May 7—Minnie James, Baptist Book Store; Mrs. D. H. Guyton, staff, Blue Mountain College.

May 8—Nat Mayhall, Sunday School supt., Union Association; Marvin Lee, supt. of missions, Jasper County.

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## PERSPECTIVE

Robert J. Hastings

### Warmest Word

After many years of research, the noted lexicographer Wilfred Funk selected what he believed to be the ten most expressive words in the English language. These included "Mother" as the most revered, "alone" as the bitterest, "faith" as the most inspiring, "revenge" as the cruellest, etc.

For the warmest word in the English language, Dr. Funk selected "friendship." And life would indeed be cold and sterile without the warmth and companionship of our friends.

Robert Blair describes friendship as the "mysterious cement of the soul," and O. W. Holmes compares a friend to "the breathing rose, with sweets in every fold."

Volumes have been written on how to cultivate and keep friends. But Proverbs 17:17 summarizes all of them in one sentence: "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly."

We can not wait for others to be friendly to us. We must take the initiative, speak the first word, take the first step, flash the first smile, shed the first tear. In describing us as his friends, Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you" (John 15:16). And I John 4:19 states, "We love him, because he first loved us."

As God through Christ took the first step in shedding his love abroad in our hearts, so we in turn must take the first step in showing love and friendship to the world. Perhaps this is the distinguishing mark of the Christian—an outgoing personality that is concerned and involved with those around him.

The word "friendship" then is not merely a warm word in our vocabulary. It is a warm feeling, a warm handshake, a warm smile. And just as the warm breezes of spring melt the snows of winter, so the warmth of Christian friendship melts the icily reserved and the cool aloof. "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly."

The epistle (Hebrews) is one of stern warning for him who would take his salvation as gift only, forgetting that it is also a stewardship to be discharged.—R. E. Glaze, Jr. in "No Easy Salvation," (Broadman Press, 1966)

### Able To Withstand The Search

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AROUND ARE ACCEPTING THE BIBLE AS TRUE



## Newest In Books

THE KESWICK WEEK—1965 (Christian Literature Crusade, Ft. Washington, Pa. 190 large pages, \$2.75 paper; \$3.50 cloth).

The annual report of the world renowned Keswick Bible Conference in England. The volume always contains outstanding messages on the deeper spiritual life by some of the world's great preachers and missionaries. The outline by days of the 1965 conference was Sin's Guilt and Power, Salvation's Full Implications, Surrender to the Lordship of Christ, Sovereignty of the Spirit, and Summons to Service. The messages of each day follow this outline. There also is a depth study of Romans 8-8 under the general subject The Privileges of the Justified. Searching, challenging, Bible-centered, messages.

SERMONS ON CATHOLICISM by John R. Gilpin (Calvary Church, Ashland, Ky., 156 pp., paper \$2.00).

A collection of sermons preached over a period of years dealing with various subjects related to Roman Catholicism, her papoes, her doctrines, and her actions. The author believes that Romanism is false in its doctrines and practices, and examines those in the light of the Bible. He points out errors and shows why they are errors. He shows why Peter was not the first pope, and why other popes are not the "vicar of Christ." A pointed, plain spoken book, not written as a study in depth, but rather as messages as they were preached.

SONGS IN OUR BIBLE by Jessie Eleanor Moore (Jud-

son Press, 87 pp., \$2.95)

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WITH THE WHOLE HEART by Bud Collyer (Fleming H. Revell, 96 pp., \$2.75).

The author is host to the television program, "To Tell The Truth." Reaching into various areas of profound human need—for love, happiness, faith, forgiveness, dedi-



# Ample Prospect For Evangelism—Now!

By R. Othal Feather  
Professor, Education  
Administration Southwestern  
Seminary

Almost everywhere the cry has been heard during recent years, "We do not have many prospects for evangelism attending our church services." or "We have very few unsaved people enrolled in our Sunday schools." There is an element of truth in these as-

sumptions, although they are only relative statements. Such convictions tend to discourage aggressive action in the area of evangelism.

Evangelism is a personal matter and is not altogether dependent on numbers for the desired response. Decisions for Christ are made, one at a time. It does not take many professions of faith to kindle the fires of evangelism. When

this happens, always many more unsaved and unchurched people are attracted to the church where people are being won to Christ and church membership. Every new convert goes back into homes, neighborhoods, business and industry where there are others in need of the same salvation. This is the highest motivation for continuous Sunday school enlargement

which always provides ample prospects for evangelism.

## The Real Truth

What is the real truth about the present evangelistic potential for Southern Baptist churches? The average church is now in contact with at least one prospect for church membership for every four resident church members. Approximately half of these are unsaved and unchurched Sunday school members of junior age or older. The other half are unsaved and unchurched parents (not enrolled in Sunday school) whose children are Sunday school members. These facts should not be treated as fiction. Several thousand Sunday school witnessing campaigns conducted during the past few years have demonstrated that Southern Baptists now have evangelistic prospects in these proportions. The number of prospects for evangelism found through the Sunday school increases as the enrollment grows beyond the resident church membership. Almost ninety per cent of all church additions, annually, come from these prospects who are found through the Sunday school. Evangelistic prospects of this type are already exposed to the Gospel through Bible study, worship services and the outreach of the Sunday school.

## The Real Problem

There are ample prospects for evangelism to challenge the average church. The chief problem is not a shortage of prospects. The real problem is a shortage of witnesses. Many churches with comparatively low Sunday School enrollments are enjoying an excellent baptismal response when their potential witnesses receive the right encouragement, such as is offered through the Sunday school witnessing plan or other cultivation witnessing procedures. The over-all average for Southern Baptist churches is about one baptism for every

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BAPTIST WORK IN DETROIT is discussed by Francis DuBose (seated), Detroit Baptist Association Superintendent of Missions, and members of the Missions Committee. They are, left to right (standing), James Jones, R. J. Sherrill, and Fred Trachsel. The Greater Detroit Baptist Association is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in annual session in Detroit, May 24-27. (BP Photo by SBS Home Mission Board)

# Pastor Calls Results Of Vandalism "Blessing"

By Polly McNabb

HAWTHORNE, Calif. (BP) — "Vandals" broke 73 windows in a brand-new church building at Ocean Gate Baptist Church here, but the end result has become "one of the greatest blessings this church has ever experienced."

The night before dedication services for the new two-story educational building and remodeled auditorium, the culprits broke a large window which had been dedicated to one of the architects, Norman Short, who died three months before completion of the building.

The next night, after dedication services had been held, the youngsters struck again, breaking 72 more windows, strewing glass all over new pews, scarring pulpit furniture, and making a mess of the entire church building.

"The church must accept its part of the blame for this," said Pastor Justin Wales as he gazed unbelievably at the wreckage of the new building the next day.

"We didn't get the message of Christ into the homes," he said, "or we might have prevented this."

The story became big news in the Los Angeles papers. Suddenly the little church, which according to the pastor, "had hardly been noticed in the 15 years it has been here" found itself in the limelight.

The result was "some of the best publicity for our revival we have ever had," declared Wales. "People from all over town began calling to find out what time the revival starts."

The church was beginning a revival with Joe Kaiser of Houston, Tex., as evangelist. Wales said that people who had never heard of Ocean Gate Baptist Church before planned to attend because of the incident.

Money came from people throughout the community to help pay for the damage. One little old lady gave the pastor an envelope full of pennies, nickels, and dimes totalling \$2.37. It was all she had in the house, but she wanted to help pay for one of the windows.

Everyone was asking "Who in the world would do such a dastardly deed," said Wales.

The answer proved to be almost as much of a shock as the deed itself, for the culprits turned out to be two little boys, ages nine and 12.

"What are you going to do with them," a reported asked the pastor.

"Oh, they're here with me now," Wales said. "They've been helping me clean up, and now they're helping me make a poster for the revival."

"We just couldn't throw them to the wolves. They didn't even know why they did it," he said.

Wales added that the incident had given the church an opportunity to get into the homes of the boys and talk with their parents. "We believe before this thing is over, we'll have the whole family for Christ," he said.

"The boys have said they want to be friends with the preacher, the church, and with Jesus," Wales continued.

He added that while the whole thing was a shock to the church and community, "it has turned out to be one of the greatest blessings this church has ever experienced."

The Ocean Gate church had an average Sunday School attendance of about 25 two years ago, and now attendance is over 100 and offerings have tripled.

The two-story educational building and the remodeling job on the auditorium cost about \$65,000, bringing total property valuation to about \$200,000. The church can now accommodate 340 in Sunday School.

Ten nationalities are represented in the church membership. The contractor for the new building is a Filipino, whom the pastor baptized recently. His name is Julius Caesar Augusta Mopano. Wales believes he is the only pastor who has ever "baptized Julius Caesar."

And what about the two little boys? They'll be in Sunday School next Sunday.

# Southern Baptist Work In Detroit On The Move

EDITOR'S NOTE: More than 15,000 Southern Baptists are expected to attend the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in Detroit, Mich., May 24-27. When they visit this center of automobile manufacturing, they will find 79 Southern Baptist churches and chapels. How long have they been there? What are they doing? The superintendent of missions for the Greater Detroit Baptist Association, Francis M. DuBose, gives the answers and background in this report from Motor City, USA.

By Francis M. DuBose  
Baptist work began in Michigan in 1812, two years before the formation of the Triennial Convention, the first national organization of Baptists in America.

Southern Baptists, however, did not officially enter Michigan until 1951. In that year, the "Motor Cities Association of Southern Baptists in Michigan," affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was organized.

Encompassing the entire state, the association was formed by six churches which reported some 800 members. Two of the churches were in Detroit, and three were in suburban Detroit (Pontiac, Roseville, and St. Clair Shores). The sixth was in Flint.

In 1957 the Baptist State Convention of Michigan was organized with 53 churches, including 29 in the Detroit area.

Today, the Baptist ministry in Michigan has grown to 148 churches with an additional 49 chapels, and 26,555 members.

In the Detroit area, 60 churches and 19 chapels with

14,025 members seek to minister to the needs of a metropolitan area where there are 2.7 million people.

It is our great pleasure to host the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Detroit, May 24-27.

From the beginning, Southern Baptist work in Detroit has had a close relationship to the work in the rest of the state. The state Baptist offices have been in Detroit from the start.

The state convention has provided office space for the superintendent of missions serving the Detroit area, employed jointly by the Baptist State Convention of Michigan and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Nearby Oakland and Macomb counties have their own Baptist association. Of the 60 Southern Baptist churches of the metropolitan area, eleven are in Macomb County and thirteen are in Oakland County. The superintendent of missions who serves these two counties also serves the "thumb area," the section immediately north of Detroit.

The Greater Detroit Baptist Association serves the 2,750,000 people of Wayne County with a staff of three: a superintendent of missions, a director of the Baptist Center, and an office secretary.

The primary program of the Detroit association is church extension. The present emphasis is upon home fellowship missions, in an effort to reach the untouched areas of the county. The 36 churches are only a fraction of the number needed for an adequate Baptist witness.

An area in northwest Detroit has a half million peo-

ple with only one Southern Baptist congregation, a new mission, and few Baptist churches of other kinds.

The main institutional emphasis has been the Detroit Baptist Center. The center program includes the fellowship of a Baptist church and a variety of special week-day programs designed to minister to the needs of inner city families.

Construction will begin this spring on a new center building to be provided by funds from the state convention and Home Mission Board. The center building will be erected on the site of the old center just across the street from the state office building at 2619 Cass Avenue, in downtown Detroit.

The center will serve as a laboratory to find adequate programs for inner city churches. Presently most of the Detroit central city churches are making plans for a week-day ministry.

Detroit, which might be called the buckle of the American language belt, offers an unusual challenge for special language ministries.

As a beginning, through the assistance of the state convention and Home Mission Board we are working with the Spanish and Slavic speaking of Detroit. Ministries to the deaf are also getting under way.

Other work includes a counseling program for prison parolees, a student program at Wayne State University, and a youth program consisting of monthly rallies and special recreational activities.

The Detroit association and the state convention work closely in the development of a strong Southern Baptist witness in Detroit.

## BAPTIST PERSONALITIES—

# CHOCTAW MINISTER 'IMPRESSIVE' WITH HUMILITY, SPIRITUAL DEPTH



Rev. Clay Gibson

By JEAN PERRY

A full-blooded Choctaw Indian whose "most outstanding characteristic is his humility" has won the respect and affection of a large group of people in Lauderdale County.

He is Rev. Clay Gibson, full time pastor of Macedonia Church at Conehatta whose only ambition is to help his own people, the Choctaw.

His most recent project is directing a government anti-poverty program at the Pearl River School near Philadelphia.

Entitled "Neighborhood Youth Corps," it gives him an opportunity to touch and influence the lives of 145 young Choctaws between 16 and 21 years old.

It was back in 1952 that this "very unusual person with great spiritual depth" came to the attention of Lauderdale Countians.

Members of the Women's Missionary Union of Meridian First Baptist Church met him. Much impressed with his

culture, poise and good vocabulary, they invited him to speak at their church.

Inspired to help the pastor in some way, the women consulted with their own pastor who suggested, "If you want to do something for him, help him with his education."

Thus it was that a fund was started through voluntary contributions.

It was no trouble to raise the money, according to one of the women, and it wasn't long before Mr. Gibson was enrolled at Clarke College.

Contributions began coming in from individuals as well as church groups. A cottage was furnished at Clarke for the pastor, his wife and two children.

## Advance Education

After graduation from Clarke he went on to Mississippi College where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree.

Enrolled in Southwestern Seminary, he served eight hours a day as a janitor and pastored an Indian church while carrying a full load of courses.

Receiving his B.D. degree, he returned to his people near Philadelphia in 1961.

He was not immediately accepted by his people, however, and had to prove himself first.

"He sought any task in deep humility to help his people in any way he could," one benefactor explained.

Some 18 Lauderdale County churches are now represented among contributors to the scholarship fund to aid the pastor and other Choctaws in

need of financial help in getting an education.

## Tribal Council Officer

He serves as vice president of the Choctaw Tribal Council. His church has had a substantial increase in attendance and a missionary interest recently. The church's Lottie Moon offering, was \$56 this year. Largest previous offering for this cause was \$14.

Macedonia Church recently observed Youth Week. The youth pastor was one of the young men of the church who is a junior at the University

of Southern Mississippi.

Mr. Gibson preaches each Saturday in Choctaw over the Philadelphia radio station. He is moderator of the Choctaw Indian Association and he recently promoted an association musical festival in which judges were two music directors from Lauderdale County.

The pastor's next project in the association is to be extension classes for Sunday school teachers and leaders in which he will be assisted by the Rev. Roy Collum, pastor of Philadelphia, First Church.

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## GRAHAM WOULD PERMIT VOTING AT 'DRAFT' AGE

ATLANTA (EP) — Lowering the voting age to the level of the draft age was advocated by evangelist Billy Graham in an address before the Atlanta Press Club.

Young people today "mature much faster than the past generation," he said, "and I think we ought to lower the voting age in this country at least to the age they are drafted to fight in Viet Nam. The modern young person is far more knowledgeable about world events than most adults."

Mr. Graham asserted that the youth of today are "the most religious of modern times." He said that such manifestations as growing beards, protests and the like really bespeak a spiritual search and questioning.



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## 1970 CENSUS MAY POSE QUESTIONS ON RELIGION

CLEVELAND (RNS) — The director of the U. S. Census Bureau said here that his organization is considering questioning Americans on their religious beliefs in the 1970 census. According to Ross Eckler, Roman Catholic and Protestant bodies have requested that such questions be included in the census. Such questions are opposed by Jews and Christian Scientists, he added.

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Rev. J. P. Gilbert

### MISSIONARY TO ECUADOR

Rev. James P. Gilbert, missionary to Ecuador will represent Foreign Missions during one week of summer camp. Rev. Gilbert is a native of Mississippi. He is presently living in Jackson, Mississippi. The James Gilberts anticipate returning to the mission field in September.

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### YOUTH WEEK REPORTS

29. JAYESS BAPTIST CHURCH, Lawrence Association. Reported by Rev. Ben Purvis.
30. COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH, Jones Association. Reported by Mrs. E. L. Cole, Jr.
31. TAYLOR BAPTIST CHURCH, Lafayette Association. Reported by Miss Rita Tatum.
32. ROYAL BAPTIST CHURCH, Franklin Association. Reported by A. D. Whitehead.
33. HERNANDO BAPTIST CHURCH, DeSoto Association. Reported by Pastor W. E. Corkern.
34. WEST POINT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Clay Association. Reported by Mrs. Richard Hazlewood.
35. MEADOW GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, Rankin Association. Reported by two weeks, one of youth revival and one of Youth Week. Pastor Ronnie Jackson; Song Leader, Debbie Smith; Training Union Director, Peggy Sue Stanford.

### CHURCH ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE

First Baptist Church, West Point  
May 16-17

A conference planned primarily for pastors and church staff with special conferences Monday night for deacons; Tuesday night for church council members; Tuesday morning for church secretaries.

Conference Leaders  
J. Elvin Reeves, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

Charles Tidwell, School of Religious Education, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.



Charles Tidwell

TOP 27 CHURCHES WITH HIGHEST PER CENT OF MEMBERS ENROLLED IN MUSIC MINISTRY					
Church	Association	Pastor	Membership	Enrollment	Per Cent
1. Clear Branch	Lincoln	Edwin Burns	100	75	75
2. Wayside	Yalobusha	James S. Dowis	100	53	53
3. Montrose	Jasper	Paul Roberts	100	39	39
4. Fellowship	Simpson	W. D. Stovall	100	32	32
5. Dorsey	Lawrence	Clyde B. Little	100	28	28
6. Magnolia Street	Jones	Leroy Wright	100	27	27
7. Victory	Adams	Bill Henderson	100	26	26
8. Stanton	Jasper	Martin E. Lee	100	21	21
9. Lake Como	Lebanon	T. K. Ford	100	21	21
10. Eastabuchie	Neshoba	Max B. Graham	100	20	20
11. Spring Creek	Mississippi	Thomas Wicker	100	19	19
12. Matthews	Norumbia	Fred Trexler, Jr.	100	18	18
13. Union	Lebanon	Paul Martin	100	17	17
14. Concord	Marion	Fred Fowler	100	16	16
15. Bond	Pike	David Millican	100	15	15
16. Cedar Grove	Jones	James McCall	100	14	14
17. South McComb	Trinity	Gene Fant	100	13	13
18. Hebron	West	J. S. Johnson	100	12	12
19. West Ripley	Winston	Vernon May	100	11	11
20. Plantersville	Hinds	Fred A. Tarpley	100	10	10
21. First Louisville	Monroe	B. H. Hall	100	9	9
22. Trinity	Rankin	J. C. Renfro	100	8	8
23. Ridgecrest	Jackson	Arthur McNeil	100	7	7
24. Meadowood	Lebanon	Garland McNeill	100	6	6
25. McLaughlin Hgts.					
26. Eastlawn					
27. Southside					



"SKIPPER" WILLARD K. WEEKS, manager of Ridgecrest Assembly, inspects an eight-foot model of the Southern Baptist Ship "Ridgecrest." The assembly staff or "ship's crew of fellow workers" recently presented the model to Weeks "in appreciation for his expressions of Christian love with words and ideals." At the presentation, Paul Turner, supervisor of the maintenance section, told of the accomplishments and improvements which have materialized since 1950 when Weeks became manager. Both sides of the ship display names of the main buildings that have been built during this time. Newest among the group is the girls' dorm, a three-unit structure which will house 250 girls. Girl staffers for the 1966 season, opening June 9, will be the first to use the new dorm.—Photo by DuPuy

## Names In The News

Margaret Jane Allen, Mississippi College sociology major, has been awarded a \$2500 scholarship for graduate study at Florida State University in Tallahassee. Miss Allen (of Toombsville) will enter the university in September to study towards a master's degree in social work. She is scheduled to receive her bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College in May.

Alan Wayne, first son and second child of Rev. and Mrs. Norman Beckham, missionaries, was born March 22 in San Jose, Costa Rica. Appointed for Venezuela in March, 1965, Mr. and Mrs. Beckham are now Spanish language students in San Jose (address: Apartado 4035, San Jose, Costa Rica). Born in Salinas, Calif., he lived in Oklahoma while growing up and finished high school in Independence, Mo. Mrs. Beckham, the former Donna Matthews, was born in Nashville, Tenn., but grew up in Jackson, Miss.

Rev. and Mrs. William L. Morgan, missionaries to South Brazil, are completing initial language study in Campinas and expect to move to Florianopolis in April (new address: Caixa Postal 399, Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil). They will do general evangelistic work. Born in Drew, Miss., he grew up in Memphis, Tenn., where she, the former Noreta Smith, was born and reared.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Earl Dorsey, Jr., missionaries on furlough from the Philippines, have moved from Mobile to Pinson, Ala., where their address is Rte. 2, Box 912. Born in Lucedale, Miss., and lived in Houston, Tex., and Mobile while growing up.

Evangelist Clifton W. Brannon, P. O. Box 1441, Longview, Texas, has just closed a revival in the Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church, East Point, Georgia, where Rev. Roy W. Hickey, is the pastor. During the one week revival there were 49 by baptism and 21 by letter, making a total of 70 additions to the church.

Rev. Walter Kaschel of Sao Paulo, Brazil was guest preacher at the 11 a. m. service on Sunday, April 24, at Temple Church, Hattiesburg. Dr. Kaschel was director of the Brazilian Evangelistic Crusade last year that resulted in one hundred thousand baptisms. His challenge before the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas last June for a simultaneous crusade in 1969 of all of the Americas was accepted by Southern Baptists. He is in this country continuing to work up interest in this direction. Mr. Kaschel also spoke at the monthly Brotherhood Breakfast of Temple Church at 7:15 a. m. April 24, according to Rev. J. Harold Stephens, pastor.

Carla Moore, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. Dewey Moore, missionaries to Italy, married Rev. George Freeland on April 16. Dr. and Mrs. Moore recently returned to the States for furlough. They may be addressed, c-o Mrs. J. U. Owens, 2910 McComas Ave., Kensington, Md.

Dr. William G. Tanner, pastor of the First Church, Gulfport, has been named as a member of the Credentials Committee for the forthcoming Southern Baptist Convention, to be held in Detroit, May 24-27. Dr. Landrum Leavell, former pastor of the Gulfport church, and now pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, is a member of the same committee.

Dr. and Mrs. Jasper L. McPhail, Southern Baptists' only missionaries to India, expected to arrive in the States April 18 for furlough following their first term of overseas service. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1961, they have been serving at the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore and helping investigate possibilities of starting a Southern Baptist medical mission project in India. He is a thoracic surgeon; she is a certified registered nurse anesthetist. They may now be addressed at 1901 Snowden Ave., Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. McPhail, the former Dorothy Binford, grew up in Memphis (she was born in Dumas, Ark.); Dr. McPhail is a native of Slate Springs, Miss.

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# Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance  
Training Union Attendance  
Additions To The Church

April 24, 1966		
Aberdeen, 1st	393	124
Amory, Meadowood	222	86 29
Amory, 1st	451	126
Belzoni, 1st	302	72 3
Belzoni, Calvary	115	100 2
Biloxi, Emmanuel	326	118 3
Brandon, 1st	400	178 1
Brookhaven, 1st	789	221 2
Bruce, 1st	383	126
Forest	422	125
Clinton		
Morrison Hgts	445	179 3
Columbia, 1st	675	182
Columbus, 1st	607	183 3
Columbus, Fairview	331	155
Crystal prings, 1st	539	119
Grenada, First	380	207
Grenada, Emmanuel	379	98 4
Gulfport, 1st	848	199 2
Handsboro	377	110 3
Hattiesburg		
Southside	98	65 8
38th Avenue	253	136 5
First	467	125
Central	607	168 2
Main Street	872	329 30
Main	859	323
Southern Main	254	98 4
Houston, 1st	436	205
Main	344	146
Parkway	92	59
Jackson		
Highland	402	133
Broadmoor	1813	550 10
Parkway	1024	400 6
West Jackson	398	156
Parkhill	271	185 22
Southern Hills	50	
Briarwood	320	140
Crestwood	308	149 1
Raymond	111	122 1
Colonial Heights	331	80 1
McLaurin Heights	323	155 2
Lakeview Msn	225	
Woodville Heights	1092	360 10
Alta Woods	432	220 2
Midway	1391	504 2
Calvary	63	28
Mission	1378	258 3
First	668	126 1
Hillcrest	300	125 3
McDowell Road	820	253 2
Ridgecrest	339	127 5
Southside	639	182 6
Daniel	643	206 5
Oak Forest	689	166 2
Woodland Hills		
Kosciusko		
Parkway	207	92
First	489	178 2
Main	471	157 2
Maple St.	18	21
Laurel		
Magnolia St.	428	181
Plainway	176	129
Bethlehem	205	120
First	421	138 2
Second Avenue	399	150
Mission	105	
Wildwood	285	119
West Laurel	395	177
Highland	438	175 3
Glade	183	88
Lexington, 1st	202	80
Long Beach, 1st	511	113
Main	483	88
Mission	28	25
Lyons	227	
Roundaway Man	17	
Macon, 1st	199	
McComb		
Navilla	271	153
South	222	94
Locust St	263	108
Meridian		
Collinsville	131	62
State Blvd.	449	127
Calvary	456	180 4
Main	404	154 4
Fewell Survey Man	42	26
Pine Springs Man	10	
Oakland Hgts	386	172
Fifteenth Avenue	490	203
Poplar Springs Dr.	562	133
Eighth Avenue	219	94 4
Mountain Creek	86	32
(Rankin)		
Pascagoula, 1st	722	251
Main	673	
G. C. Nursing Home	13	
Martin Bluff	36	
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	317	160 2
Pearl	390	130 1
Petal-Harvey	314	75
Main	289	
Memorial Drive	25	
Picayune, 1st	612	189 4
Main	580	173
Mission	37	18
Pontotoc, First	412	165 1
Pontotoc, West Hgts	236	81 3
Rosedale, 1st	129	50
Ruby	54	50
Sandersville	204	130
Sardis	65	28
Sharon, 1st (Jones)	138	70
Springfield (Scott)	118	45 3
Sterkville, 1st	1037	400 6
Sterkville	167	89
Tupelo		
W. Jackson St.	261	114 1
Calvary	712	236 11
East Heights	420	167 3
Vicksburg		
Immanuel	144	48
Shawmar Avenue	455	201 7
West Point, 1st	553	183 1
W. Jackson St.		
W. Jackson St.	242	97 6

Modern literature is often shockingly irreverent, bawdy, degraded, and hopelessly pessimistic. It does give a more accurate reflection of the human situation, however than many Christians like to admit. By focusing on the problems of society and by bringing out the critical questions which mankind is asking, these authors may very well serve both society in general and the church in particular. — Dr. Foy Valentine, "The Baptist Student."

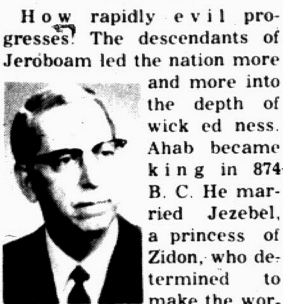


STATE'S ANTI-EVOLUTION LAW CHALLENGED—LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Arkansas Attorney General Bruce Bennett (right) defended the state's law barring the teaching of evolution in public schools at a trial before Chancellor Murray Reed. The attorney discusses the case with a strong supporter of the law, the Rev. M. L. Moser, Jr., pastor of Central Baptist church. Recently, Mr. Moser told his congregation that the Bible and the theory of evolution could not co-exist and denounced evolution as an atheistic philosophy. The 1928 law was challenged by a 24-year-old high school biology teacher. Chancellor Reed said he would issue a decision on the case after a 60-day period for filing briefs by both sides.—RNS Photo

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

# Elijah Confronts Ahab

By Clifton J. Allen  
1 Kings 21



How rapidly evil progresses! The descendants of Jeroboam led the nation more and more into the depth of wickedness. Ahab became king in 874 B. C. He married Jezebel, a princess of Zidon, who determined to make the worship of Baal the religion of the nation. Elijah appeared on the scene as God's courageous prophet. Under God's leadership, Elijah engaged Ahab and the prophets of Baal in a contest on Mount Carmel. God sent fire to consume Elijah's offering. Many of the prophets of Baal were slain. But Ahab, dominated by the iron will of Jezebel, continued on the throne. The lesson we now study is the account of Ahab's covetous desire for Naboth's vineyard, which led to the murder of Naboth, and then to Elijah's declaration to Ahab of the terrible judgment of God to come upon both him and Jezebel and their descendants

after him.

The Lesson Explained  
AHAB'S COVETOUSNESS (vv. 1-4)

One of Ahab's palaces was in Jezreel. Hard by the palace grounds was Naboth's vineyard, a part of his family inheritance. It was not unnatural that Ahab wanted the vineyard in order to extend his gardens and improve the royal estate. His offer to Naboth to purchase the vineyard outright or to give in exchange an even better one was declined. According to the Levitical law, a family inheritance was to be kept in the family. His refusal to sell was an indication of his piety and an expression of his spiritual fidelity. But Ahab's desire for the vineyard became an obsession. And when he was thwarted, Ahab pouted, went to bed, and refused to eat. Life was hardly worth living to Ahab unless his covetous passion could be satisfied. But for Naboth, fidelity to the family heritage was much more important than money.

JEZEBEL'S PURPOSE (vv. 5-7)

Jezebel was of a sterner sort than Ahab. He was

wicked and weak, but she was wicked and strong. She had no qualms of conscience and quickly devised a wicked scheme.

The verses following the print passage tell of Jezebel's prompt action. She wrote some letters to the right persons, sealed the letters with the royal seal, and charged these persons to plan a celebration in honor of Naboth. She further charged them to engage two men to bring a charge of blasphemy against Naboth, and then to see that he was taken out and stoned to death. Her cruel scheme was carried out just as she conceived it. Pride generated covetousness, and covetousness led to murder. It was a little moment to Ahab and Jezebel that Naboth was dead. Ahab forgot his melancholy and rose up and took possession of the vineyard.

GOD'S MESSAGE (vv. 17-20, 27)

Naboth's blood cried out for judgment. God sent Elijah to declare to Ahab his guilt and to announce to him his punishment. Elijah declared to him the fearful judgment of the Lord. The dogs would lick his blood in the same place

where they had licked the blood of Naboth. Jezebel would die in disgrace and be devoured by the dogs by the wall of Jezreel. When Ahab heard these words, he was overcome by remorse and fear. Sackcloth and fasting were in order but not enough. There was no real repentance. God declared that he would spare Ahab the sight of the destruction of his house, but destruction would surely come later.

Truths to Live By

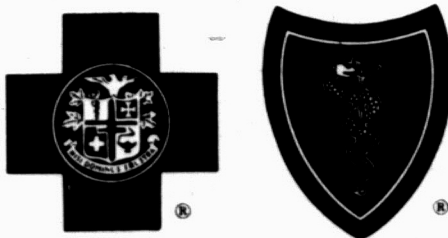
God is not indifferent when righteous people suffer.—It is of course true that evil persons often prosper. It is also true that wicked persons are often haughty in their oppression of others and utterly defiant toward the righteous God. He will bring the wicked to judgment. He may seem to delay long in delivering the oppressed and in vindicating the righteous, but he will surely do so in ways that express his perfect love, perfect wisdom, and perfect righteousness.

There is wrath and mercy with the Lord.—Wrath and mercy are not opposites, not contradictory. Both are expressions of God's moral nature, of his righteous love. His wrath against Ahab and Jezebel for their wicked deeds was the righteous expression against wrongdoing, against treachery and brutality. His response to Ahab's humbling

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himself, when Elijah announced to him the just punishment of God, was an expression of mercy. In all of God's dealings with men there is righteous wrath against wickedness of every kind and degree, but there is an attitude of mercy and pity toward the wrongdoer and a willingness to forgive if only one will genuinely repent.

There are some values worth more than life.—Recall Naboth: he would rather die than disgrace his family by selling the family heritage. Recall Elijah: he risked his life in declaring to Ahab the judgment of God. Recall Joseph: he risked his life in rejecting the lust of Potiphar's wife in order that he might be clean himself and faithful to his master. Recall Jonathan: he risked his life to be true to David his friend. Think of courageous Christians in our day: missionaries in China and Congo and persons in America and many other places have given their lives for the cause of the gospel, for the cause of justice, and for the cause of freedom. Fidelity to purity and integrity, love for family, service to humanity, and loyalty to Jesus Christ are worth more than life.



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## DEVOTION

## Go Home

By George F. Lee

Supt. of Missions, Marion-Lawrence-Walthall

"But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house." (Luke 5:24)

Strangely, Jesus instructed the man healed of palsy and forgiven of his sins to go home. Why was he not sent to make disciples of all nations, to baptize and to teach? He was, but with the intention of beginning in his own home!

It is a wonderful thought that one can go home forgiven and cleansed of sin by the Master. A man and his wife trusted Christ as Savior during a revival meeting in New Orleans. The next day they acknowledged that for the first time in years they had not cursed one another across the breakfast table, but in thanks had praised the Lord.

A woman was having difficulty with her uncontrollable daughter. Maybe she tried the usual remedies of more toys, money, and places to go. Anyway, she eventually brought her daughter to Jesus and found that He could solve her family problem.

In a family where Christ's presence and power is known, the Bible is read and believed, children are exhorted to seek after God, the Lord is worshiped daily and a spirit of righteousness prevails.

For the Christian home, worship is not relegated to the church and Bible reading is not delegated to public institutions. Christian parents so cherish the privilege of leading their own children to Christ, they will not take a chance that someone else might bring them to know God.

Home is not a place, but home is a way of life. God has a very definite purpose for family life, oddly as that may sound today, that is not realized by merely being legally married; having children and a house. Many take the home for granted who have never considered once what God intended when He instituted family life.

When the man, healed of palsy, went to his house as sent by the Master, he could tell his family what Jesus had done for him that day. And no doubt, they not only had a father now who was healed of palsy, but also healed of an irritable disposition, selfish ways and indifference to spiritual matters.

Churches do well to minister realistically to the family. Maladjusted family life is one of our most common ailments and is the source of insecurity, alcoholism, ill temper, juvenile delinquency, inability to reason with others, immorality and weak churches. When the church ministers to the family, the family can better serve and worship the Lord through the church. We must make it possible for more people to go to their houses as sent by the Master.

Soso Church  
Receives Bequest

First Church, Soso is the recipient of \$1,000 from the estate of the late B. F. Valentine who passed away May 31, 1965. He was an active member and deacon for 25 years.

A letter of appreciation was

given to Mrs. Valentine in behalf of the congregation for this expression of love that her late husband bequeathed to his Christ and his church. Mr. Valentine served as a public school teacher for about 50 years. The gift will be used to improve present buildings and to purchase needed equipment. The pastor is Rev. Dick Brogan.



APRIL 10, Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, had a special love offering day to share in the rebuilding of Pocahontas Church. The Pocahontas structure was completely destroyed by fire on January 29, with only enough insurance coverage to pay off indebtedness. Shown above is Pastor Fred Tarpley presenting a check for \$1000.00 to Joe Carrigan, Chairman of Deacons at Pocahontas. Mr. Raymond Dallas, Chairman of the Finance Committee for Ridgecrest, served as chairman of the love offering effort.



DR. MARY TOM BERRY, Associate Professor of Education, Middle Tennessee State University, will be the featured speaker of the National Alumnae Meeting to be held at Blue Mountain College on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 9:00 a.m., with Registration in Guyton Library. Dr. Berry will speak at 11:15 a.m. in Garrett Auditorium. She is a native of Water Valley, and holds the B.A. degree from Blue Mountain College, the M.A. degree from Mississippi Southern University, and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Alabama.

The temptation to leap from the pinnacle of the Temple was not only effort to put God on the spot; it was an effort to put a proviso in the contract. The tempter was trying to get Jesus to put a condi-

Harmony, Copiah,  
Conducts Sunday  
School Campaign

The Sunday school of Harmony Church (Copiah Association) recently completed their Sunday School Campaign, "Reaching New Heights" for Christ. During the campaign the attendance increased from 132 to 185. Rev. D. K. Snyder, pastor states.

To climax this campaign the church conducted an Easter weekend revival with Rev. Bill Duncan, Associate, State Sunday School department, as evangelist.

"The purpose of this campaign and the weekend revival was to establish greater sustained attendance, create a greater sense of loyalty and responsibility, create greater emphasis on Bible teaching and deepen the spiritual lives of members," said Douglas Slay, Sunday school superintendent.

Further plans are being made through the Sunday School Department to conserve this response by presenting banners to the best class in attendance and the one having the best efficiency record during a given month.

tional stipulation in the obedience agreement, the commitment document.—J. Winston Pearce in "Seven First Words of Jesus." (Broadman Press, 1966).

Johnston Station  
To Dedicate  
New Sanctuary

Johnston Station Church, Pike County, announces the dedication of a new brick sanctuary May 1.

Services will begin with Sunday school at 10, followed by morning worship service and dinner on the grounds. The afternoon session will begin about 1:30, with Rev. Edwin Burns leading the dedicatory service and Rev. W. R. Lowrey bringing the sermon. Other former pastors will also participate.

Rev. Eddie King is pastor.

Temple Gives  
Love Offering  
To Missionaries

Temple Church, Hattiesburg recently received a love offering of several hundred dollars for Ralph and Cora Joyce Davis, missionaries to Nigeria. They are now in the process of packing their supplies to be shipped back to Nigeria.

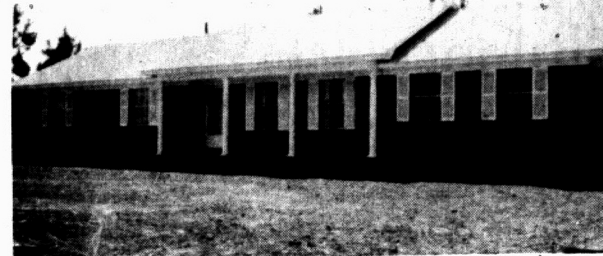
The Davises hold membership in the Temple Church, along with their children, Nan and David. The family will be leaving June 1 to return to their place of service, where Mr. Davis will be in charge of an entire area of our mission work.

REVIVAL  
RESULTS

Harmony Hill (Tishomingo): Rev. D. P. Box of Burnsville, pastor and evangelist; 13 for baptism; one by letter; 11 rededications; (A social for the Young People of the church was planned for each Friday night.)

Fairview Church, Columbus: April 11-17; Rev. Ken Lyle, pastor of Central Nassau Church, Long Island New York, evangelist; Roy Brake, music director; Rev. Luther Litchfield, pastor; five professions of faith; two by letter; and 70 public rededications.

First Church, Grenada: April 3-10; Rev. Perry Ellis, Roanoke, Va., evangelist; Rev. Bob Leavell, pastor; Vernon Polk, music director;



SUNDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 17, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown held OPEN HOUSE at the new home provided for the Minister of Music and Youth of First Church, Batesville. The Browns recently moved into the brick-vener, three-bedroom home built for them by the church. The home has a living room-dining room combined and a large kitchen and den and garage. The Building Committee included Thomas Burnett, J. C. Sparks, A. L. Rhodes, and Hugh Kearney. Open House was planned by the Sunbeam leaders. A housewarming gift of a "money tree" was presented to the Browns by members of the church, Rev. J. R. Davis, pastor.



NEW STEREO—Members of First Church, Clinton presented a new console stereo set to Dr. and Mrs. Norman O'Neal upon Dr. O'Neal's retirement as Minister of Education at the church. They received the set during a reception given in their honor at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Russell McIntire, pastor and wife. Dr. O'Neal has been a member of the First Baptist staff for over a decade. He will continue to serve as chairman of the department of religious education at Mississippi College.

10 for baptism; 6 by letter; 20 rededications.

Parkhill, Jackson: April 17-22; Rev. Billy Joe Pierce, pastor, Pearson Church, evangelist; Allen Stephens, student at Mississippi College, song leader; 11 professions of faith; 6 by letter; 3 for full-time service, many rededications; Rev. J. N. Gipson, pastor.

Rolling Creek Church, Quitman: April 10-17; Rev. Harry W. Ericson, pastor of First Church, Isle of Palms, South Carolina, evangelist; R. Harold Hight, music director; 21 decisions; four for baptism;

two additions by letter; fifteen rededications; Rev. Jack W. Kinley, pastor.

Columbus, Friendship: April 10-17; Rev. Larry Sexton, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, evangelist; Ed Nolen, music director; Rev. Elvis Gregory, pastor; four professions of faith; seven additions by letter.

Sharon, First (Jones): March 27-April 1; Rev. Gene Fant, evangelist; Rev. A. R. Vaughn, pastor; one profession of faith; many rededications.



CLARKE COLLEGE'S NEW B. S. U. COUNCIL—From left, clockwise: Joyce Bagus, Baltimore, Md., devotional chairman; Nellie Arnett, Louisville, music chairman; Larry Costlow, Newton, vice president; Kenneth Walker, Lucedale, pianist; Ronnie Sharpless, Attmore, Ala., Men's Dorm Meditation chairman; Ronnie Burkett, Jackson, president; Paul Lee, Tupelo, church activities chairman; Gayle Dillon, Tylertown, Y. W. A. representative; Gayle Hull, Selma, Ala., stewardship chairman; Pam Ethridge, Creve Coeur, Ill., mission chairman; Lily Ward, Grenada, enlistment chairman; Gail Bradford, Warner Robbins, Ga., publicity chairman; Joyce Smith, Grenada, social chairman; Pauline Spence, Winnsboro, La., secretary; (not pictured) Fred Toomey, ministerial association representative.

## Revival Dates

Hickory Church: May 1-6; Rev. Howard Merritt, Whitesand Church, Prentiss, evangelist; Allen Drost, First Church, Newton, music director; services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor.

First Church, Raleigh: May 1-6; Rev. Billy Smith, Independence, evangelist; Rev. W. C. Burns, Gautier, singer; Rev. Billy Crosby, pastor.

Sand Hill (Jones): April 29-May 1; weekend youth revival; Rev. Tom Leggett, Mobile College, Mobile, Ala.,

evangelist; Paul Ball, song leader; Rev. Thomas Balch, pastor.

BBI To Open  
10 Days Early

GRACEVILLE, Fla. — Baptist Bible Institute will open ten days earlier than usual this fall, in order to complete first semester exams before the Christmas holidays.

Dean Walter D. Draughon, Jr., announcing the August 22, 1966, fall opening, explained that the students have been getting back after the holidays with only one or two days to review.



CLARKE STUDENTS REPORT ON CONFERENCE—From left, front row: Joyce Smith, Gail Bradford, Pam Ethridge; second row: Johnny W. Lee, Ralph Crisp, Larry Costlow, Rev. J. B. Costlow; top row: J. Clifford Watson, Dean of the College; Curtis Roland, Ronnie Burkett, Dr. W. L. Compton, President; and Richard Smith. Fifty-one Clarke College students, accompanied by B. S. U. Director J. B. Costlow, Dean J. Clifford Watson and other college officials, attended the Twelfth Annual Student Missions Conference at the New Orleans Seminary, March 25, 26. The students pictured above reported on the conference in chapel on March 28. They covered various missions in the New Orleans area.

Medicare Supplement  
Now Being Offered

A new low-cost health plan designed especially for people age 65 and over to supplement the federal government's Medicare program has been announced by Mississippi Blue Cross-Blue Shield. This important new program for senior citizens is called "Senior Med."

In explaining the need for this additional protection, Dr. J. C. Woosley, president of Mississippi Hospital and Medical Service (Blue Cross-Blue Shield), stated: "Medicare brings to our senior citizens very broad and inexpensive health-care protection, but it does have certain gaps with limitations and coinsurance which could cause the individual some out-of-pocket expense. Our 'Senior Med' plan has been specifically designed to help cover these gaps so that, combined with Medicare, it will provide people 65 and over with a more complete health-care program at a cost that would safeguard even the most limited budget."

In addition to "Senior Med's" basic benefits, Mississippians age 65 and over may

also obtain coverage up to \$5,000.00 for cancer and ten other dread diseases, providing a broad health care protection "package" for senior citizens at a low monthly cost.

According to Dr. Woosley, "Senior Med" members have been given the opportunity to take advantage of this special "Senior Med" plan.

"All of our members," he said, "in fact, all Mississippi citizens eligible for Medicare, are invited to apply for Blue Cross-Blue Shield's 'Senior Med'. The combination of Medicare and this new coverage will give them excellent health care protection at a very modest cost."

(Full information on this plan is offered in the advertisement in this issue of your Record.)

LINE CREEK  
DEACON DIES

Sam D. Cutrer, chairman of deacons of Line Creek Church, near Kentwood, La., and Baptist Record subscriber, died March 28 of a heart attack. His fellow deacons have adopted resolutions expressing their esteem for him.

Mr. Cutrer was a faithful church member for 57 years and a deacon for 38 years. Survivors include his wife, Beatrice Wilson Cutrer; two sons, Sambo (also a Line Creek deacon) and J.P.; one daughter, Mrs. Charles Bond (wife of a Line Creek deacon, and one of the church organists); nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Crooked Creek  
Changes Date  
For Homecoming

The annual homecoming at Crooked Creek Church, Lawrence County has been changed from the first Sunday in June to the first Sunday in August.

All former pastors are especially invited. Lunch will be served at the church. The summer revival will also begin on the first Sunday in August.

Rev. C. E. Rivers is the pastor.



MISS CARY ANN GERON, missionary journeyman, shelves books in the library of the international Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland.

JOURNEYMAN IN EUROPE  
INTRIGUED BY LANGUAGES

Accessioning theological journals written in German, Russian, Hebrew, and other languages and typing multilingual letters and book orders are some of the new aspects of library work that Miss Cary Ann Geron has encountered since going to Europe early last fall as a Southern Baptist missionary journeyman.

A library science major at Texas Woman's University, Denton, and then librarian in Brownfield, Tex., for four years, Miss Geron was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1965 for a two-year term of service as an assistant librarian at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. The library reflects the international makeup of the school, which currently enrolls 40 students from 19 countries.

Typing in unknown languages requires concentrating and "going peck, peck, peck very slowly," says Miss Geron, native of Dallas, Tex. She is particularly fascinated by Polish, which offers book titles like *Proba Irenologii Chraciejanskiej*.

"I find that I still have a lot to learn about my profession," she says. "A day rarely goes by that I don't learn something new."

In addition to working in the library, she teaches a girls' Sunday school class and sings in her church choir and in the seminary choir. "Of all the joys in life, I think music has always been dearest to me," she says. "The seminary choir has learned songs in German, Latin, French, and, at Christmas, carols in Welsh and Czechoslovak."

Miss Geron spent Christmas at the Baptist children's home in Rome, Italy. "I think Rome is one of the most fascinating cities I have seen," she says. "However, it reminded me how much history I have forgotten."

She values "fellowship" with the seminary students above all other aspects of her life in Ruschlikon. She recently celebrated her 28th birthday with a group of students and faculty members at a camp owned by Swiss Baptists. "It was one of the most enjoyable days of my life," she declares.

Missionary journeyman are young Southern Baptists (under 27 and single) with specific talents and training needed in meeting critical

Tupelo Senior  
Receives YWA  
Citation

Carol Johnstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnstone, 1103 Blair Street, Tupelo, was awarded a Citation of First Church, Tupelo, for outstanding achievement award in Young Woman's Auxiliary in recognition of devoted service in advancing Christian missions in her church and her community.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Jimmie Carter, YWA director, in candlelight ceremony.

Miss Johnstone is a senior at Tupelo High School. Rev. Samuel Shepard is pastor of First, Tupelo.

Douglas Accepts  
Louisiana Post

Dr. S. Dodds Douglas, minister of music and education of Eastlawn Church, Pascagoula, since June, 1960, has resigned to accept the position as minister of music for First Church, Vidalia, La.

A graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary, he formerly served churches in Texas and in Tennessee, and Oakhurst, Clarksville, and First Church, Kreole, in Mississippi.

He is married to the former Minnie Mae Lennep of Pascagoula, and has two sons, Stephen, 12, and David, 10.

Eastlawn, Pascagoula's Youth Choir has been recognized as one of the outstanding choirs of the South. They have traveled more than 15,000 miles, singing in more than 50 churches in 16 states. They sang at the National Royal Ambassador Congress, Washington, D. C., and, by invitation, before the Baptist World Alliance at Miami.

Rev. Athens McNeil is Eastlawn pastor.

spiritual, physical, and educational needs where career foreign missionaries are located. The journeyman are employed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for two-year terms.